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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE ON PRIVATE CULTURAL EXCHANGE

1. DURING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL
TELEGRAM FROM DAVID KANTER, MANAGING DIRECTOR, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
MUSIC FESTIVAL, PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19122, TELEPHONE 2157878318.

BEGIN QUOTE

GEORGE BUSH
UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE
PEKING (PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA)

SENATOR SCOTT AND CREED BLACK HAVE CONTACTED
YOU ABOUT OUR STRONG DESIRE TO PRESENT A DANCE COMPANY
FROM THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
MUSIC FESTIVAL IN PHILADELPHIA DURING JULY OR AUGUST 1976
TO CELEBRATE THE NATION'S BICENTENNIAL. IS IT POSSIBLE AT THIS
TIME TO MAKE ONE MORE APPEAL TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO
RECONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT
THIS COULD CERTAINLY BE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN CULTURAL
EXCHANGE. END QUOTE.

2. ALTHOUGH CHECK OF OUR FILES HAS NOT TURNED UP ANY PREVIOUS
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CORRESPONDENCE, IT WAS MR. BUSH'S PRACTICE TO REFER PERSONS

REQUESTING ASSISTANCE OF THIS KIND TO THE DEPARTMENT AND HE MAY
HAVE DONE SO IN PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH SENATOR SCOTT OR
CREED BLACK. IT SEEMS FAIRLY LIKELY IN ANY CASE THAT DEPARTMENT
WOULD HAVE HAD SOME CONTACT WITH KANTER OR OTHER PARTIES INTERESTED
IN THIS PROJECT. WE SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT A SUITABLE MODE OF REPLY
MIGHT BE FOR DEPARTMENT TO EXPLAIN TO KANTER WITH
REFERENCE TO HIS TELEGRAM THE POSITION WE TAKE TOWARDS REQUESTS
FOR USG INTERCESSION WITH THE CHINESE IN MATTERS OF THIS KIND.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.
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